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J.R. No. 31

A JOINT RESOLUTION

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constitutional amendment providing for the legislature to set
legislative salaries within the limits of the amount paid to a
district judge."

Austin, Texas

April 2, _____, 19 69

Honorable Ben Barnes
President of the Senate

Sir:

We, your Committee on CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS,
to which was referred S.J.R.B. No. 31, have had the same under
consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate
with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that the
Committee Substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be
printed.

Cheney
Chairman

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SJR no 31

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FORM A

(For favorable and unfavorable reports on bills and resolutions, where no committee amendments are recommended.)

COMMITTEE REPORT

Date 4-15

HON. G. F. (GUS) MUTSCHER

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir:

We, your Committee on CONS AMEND, to whom was referred STL No. 31, have had the same under consideration and beg to report back with recommendation that it { do ~~do not~~ } pass, and be NOT printed

Chairman.

(When this form is used for a favorable report on a general bill the words "do not" are marked out. If the bill is a local bill the word "not" should be inserted before the word "printed." When used for an unfavorable report the word "do" is marked out, the comma after "pass" is changed to a period, and the remaining words also marked out.

When this form is used for a simple or concurrent resolution the comma after "pass" should be changed to a period and the remaining words stricken out because resolutions are printed in the Journal when first introduced.)

BILL ANALYSIS

SJR 31
Committee on Constitutional Amendments

HIGHTOWER

Background information:

Presently Legislative salaries and those of the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker are stated expressly in the Constitution. It is necessary to amend the Constitution to change these. Also, Regular sessions have a 120-day limitation on per diem.

Purpose of the resolution:

SJR 31 gives the legislature the power to set the Lieutenant Governor's, the Speaker's, and the Legislature's salaries; removes the 120-day limitation on per diem; and removes the provision concerning mileage compensation.

Section by section analysis:

Section 1: the Lieutenant Governor's and the Speaker's salary shall be set by the Legislature not to exceed one-half of the Governor's salary; members of the Legislature salaries shall be set by the Legislature not to exceed that of a district judge; members shall receive \$12 per diem for Regular and Special sessions.

Section 2: submits this to a vote on August 5, 1969.

Summary of Committee hearing:

The automatic subcommittee rule was suspended and SJR 31 was reported back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

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S. J. R. No. 31

Lieutenant Governor

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S. J. R. No. 31 passed the Senate on April 14, 1969, by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S. J. R. No. 31 was adopted by the House on April 16, 1969, by the following vote: Yeas 115, Nays 29.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

4-17-69

Date

Signed

Governor

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE

4:30 pm O'CLOCK

APR 17 1969

Secretary of State

A JOINT RESOLUTION
Relating to salaries for Members of the Legislature.

APR 14 1969

the Senate.

Dorothy Hallman

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

MAR 26 1969 Filed with the Secretary of the Senate
Read, referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments *by vote of 31 yeas, 0 nays.*

Reported favorably.

APR 8 1969 Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time.

Ordered not printed.

APR 14 1969 Senate and Constitutional Rules to permit consideration suspended by
unanimous consent.
_____ yeas, _____ nays.

To permit consideration, reading and passage, Senate and Constitutional Rules suspended by vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays.

APR 14 1969 Read second time and { ordered engrossed.
passed to third reading.

Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

APR 14 1969 Senate and Constitutional 3-Day Rules suspended by vote of
26 yeas, 1 nays to place bill on third reading and final passage.

APR 14 1969 Read third time and passed by *a viva-voce vote.*
26 yeas, 1 nays.

OTHER ACTION:

Charles Schnabel
Secretary of the Senate

4-14-69 Engrossed.

APR 14 1969 Sent to HOUSE

Eddie McSinnie

ENGROSSING CLERK

READ 1st TIME
AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON

Constitutional Amendments

Dorothy Hallman

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

APR 15 1969 REPORTED FAVORABLY ORDERED NOT PRINTED

PRINTED, DISTRIBUTED AND

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON

RULES 1713 P. APR 15 1969
(Time) (Date)

DATE APR 16 1969

READ AND ADOPTED, *By vote of 115 yeas, 29 nays.*

Dorothy Hallman
CHIEF CLERK
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APR 16 1969

MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE VOTE BY
WHICH *SJR # 31* WAS
ADOPTED / PASSED AND TO TABLE THE MOTION TO RECON-
SIDER PREVAILED BY A *non-record* VOTE

Dorothy Hallman
CHIEF CLERK HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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RETURNED TO SENATE

RETURNED
FROM HOUSE